crores for Replanting and Productivity Improvement of Cashew in Kerala.

The project included the components of area expansion, replanting and rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, production and distribution of hybrid varieties of cashew clones, establishment of model gardens, better management of young plantations, training and propaganda, to be implemented in a period of five years during the Ninth Five year Plan. Most of the components included in the project proposal submitted by the Government of Kerala like area expansion, replanting/ rejuvenation, production and distribution of hybrid varieties through regional nurseries, establishment of model clonal garden and training of farmers are being covered under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Integrated Development of Cashew". A sum of Rs. 119.9 lakhs was released to the Government of Kerala during 1997-98. During 1998-99 an allocation of Rs. 92.02 lakhs has been provided for Kerala State. The other components are not covered under the scheme.

Irrigated and Non-Irrigated land

341. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big gap in the area of irrigated and non-irrigated land and in its average yield; and

(b) if so, what was the area of irrigated and non-irrigated land in the country in the year 1998-99 togetherwith its respective production capacity and the percentage of the gap assessed in the yield of two types of land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are gaps in the area of irrigated and unirrigated land as also in their average yield. According to the latest land use statistics for 1995-96, the gross irrigated area and gross unirrigated area in the country was 71.51 million hectares and 115.05 million hectares respectively. However, the official estimates of yield rates of irrigated and non-irrigated land are not systematically available in respect of all the states/crops so as to derive these estiamtes at all India level.

Generation of Nuclear power

342. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review of the generation of nuclear power during Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the target fixed for that plan period and the actual achievement made thereon;

(c) the projection made for nuclear power generation in Ninth Plan; and

(d) the details of various steps proposed to be taken to increase nuclear power generation in that plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target for power generation during the 8th five year plan (1992—97) from operating nuclear power plants was set at 37,070 MUs against which the actual generation achieved was 34,844 MUs.

(c) The updated target of nuclear pow er generation during the Ninth Plan is estimated as 51854 MUs.

(d) To increase nuclear power generation during 9th five year plan, efforts are made to: (i) strengthen monitoring and preventive & predictive maintenance, (ii) improve outage management, (iii) carry-out effective coordination with Regional Electricity Boards to improve frequency control for the grid, (iv) exchange technical information & experience through international bodies, (v) intensive training for maintenance and operating staff particularly with the use of simulators etc. Apart from the above a number of steps such as (i) timely corrective actions, (ii) periodical monitoring of projects using

latest computer software, (iii) timely decision making and obtaining clearances from regulatory authorities etc. have been taken to complete and commission the ongoing projects of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station 3&4 and Kaiga 1&2 as quickly as possible through better management techniques and incentives.

Increase in Cyber crimes

343. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various types of Cyber crimes are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps proposed to be taken to deal with these crimes; and

(c) whether it is also proposed to bring forward a legislation in order to set certain standards of data maintenance and, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No such information is available with the National Crime Records Bureau.

(c) The proposed Information Technology Bill, 1999 *inter-alia*, provides authority to the Central Government to prescribe rules, guidelines and security procedures for retention of electronic records.

Installation of Medical Linear Accelerator equipment

344. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER) produced 3 (three) 4 mev Medical Linear Accelerator for cancer treatment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two machines have been installed, one at PGI, Chandigarh and another at CCWH, Thakurpukur, Calcutta; and

(c) whether third machine awaiting installation is proposed to be installed at Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal which is for North-Eastern States and financed by Home Ministry and where Radiotherapy Department with full equipment except this linear accelerator have been equipped?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER), in association with Centre for Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), Chandigarh, has developed and fabricated three Medical Linear Accelerator machines in the low energy range of 4-6 MeV (popularly known as 4 MeV Linac) for cancer treatment.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The third machine is under performance evaluation for installation at a suitable medical institute having requisite facility and expertise for cancer treatment.